

# Close-Up on Immigration in Summit County

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Tuesday, April 4, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at St. George Family Center, 3204 Ridgewood Road. Akron

## Program Agenda

- 8-8:30 a.m. **Registration/Continental Breakfast**  
**Visit Resource Fair**
- 8:30-8:45 a.m. Video Clips
- 8:45-8:50 a.m. **Welcome & Opening Remarks**  
Moderator: Judge Linda Tucci Teodosio  
Summit County Juvenile Court
- 8:50-9:50 a.m. **Keynote Address**  
Elaine Woloshyn, Executive Director  
International Institute
- 9:50-10 a.m. Break
- 10-10:15 a.m. **Report Out from Immigrant Task Force on Health Care**  
Dr. Margo Erme,  
Summit County Public Health
- 10:15-10:30 a.m. **Report Out from Immigrant Task Force on Legal Issues**  
Magistrate Laura Robinson,  
Summit County Juvenile Court
- 10:30.-11:45 a.m. **Panel Presentation**  
Judge Teodosio, Facilitator  
*Taylor Jameson, International Institute*  
*Kara Ulmer, World Relief*  
*Hattie Tracy, Child Guidance & Family Solutions*  
*Dr. Loi Nguyen, Akron Public Schools*  
*Lauren Brown, Summit Co. Children Services*  
*Officer Kevin Evans, Akron Police Department*
- 11:45 a.m.-Noon **Personal Testimony**, International Institute

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## Overview

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in the decade between 2000 and 2010, the Akron Metropolitan Region gained 9,415 people, with more than 54 percent of the growth due to immigration. In Summit County, the immigrant population rose 17 percent between 2007 and 2012. As a community, we have, in true Summit County fashion, come together to welcome our newest neighbors. This year's Close-Up will look at immigration in Summit County and what is available to our newest population, and how we, as service providers can collaborate to assist with the transition to western society while still preserving the rich customs and culture our newest community members bring with them. Keynote speaker for the morning, Elaine Woloshyn, Executive Director of the International Institute has said "immigrants are attracted to the Akron area because of the quality of life, including good schools and reasonably priced housing". Summit County is proud of the work being done to support our newest members, but we are the county always looking for ways to do things better. Local experts in the field of immigration and refugee resettlement will share what tools are available to bridge the cultural gap in our work with our resettlement populations, and will provide some direction for future planning including what changes we can expect in the area of immigration on a national level.

- Immigrants are any foreign born persons permanently living in the U.S., regardless of when and how they moved here.
- Refugees are individuals who have fled their country of origin and who meet the United Nations' criteria of having a "well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group, or political opinion."
- Refugees who come to the U.S. are invited by the State Department and are legal residents on the ultimate pathway to citizenship.

## Resource Fair

25-30 local agencies and organizations will provide resource information.



**Did you know ...** 1 out of every 3 refugees live in a refugee camp prior to being granted permission to enter a new country, and once in a refugee camp, the individual's average wait is five years before being granted permission by the United Nations to enter a new country.

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